

*The motion passed by Cornwall Council on 13th March. This sets up a project to develop a proposition to the government for reforming the delivery structure of public services in Cornwall. It requires the Council to work with the government to form a business plan, including determining what functions, powers and duties would need to be transferred or devolved to Cornwall to make the new system work. The new system would generate significant new efficiencies and save money, and would make the public sector in Cornwall more productive.*

*The motion also calls for discussion between Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly in order to form a new strategic partnership. This would guarantee the Isles of Scilly its integrity as a discrete place and unit, but would enable both parties to build on the success of the partnership which has driven Objective 1 and made the region the fastest growing region in Europe (2003 Eurostat GVA).*

## **Lyons Commission Inquiry Cornwall County Council Resolution**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

There is keen interest in Cornwall in reforming the governance of public service delivery to achieve significant improvements in efficiency, partnership and joint working, and in order to build on the evident success of the social and economic regeneration of Cornwall.

### Resolved:

The Council undertakes a focused consultative exercise with District Councils, Parish Councils and all public sector service partners to consider how Cornwall as a whole can structure its future governance.

Cornwall seeks the co-operation of the Government to undertake a business-planning exercise to consider how an integrated public service delivery structure can be formed. This should consider the merit of separating strategic functions from delivery functions, and should take as founding principles that democracy should lie at the heart of future governance structures, and that delivery can be devolved to the most appropriate local level.

Discussions will be initiated with the Isles of Scilly to ascertain the potential for forming a new, strategic partnership.

This process will involve all public service delivery partners in Cornwall (and elsewhere as appropriate), and consult both the voluntary and private sectors, as well as the community of Cornwall.

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